



## Will Carleton Academy

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Dear Will Carleton Academy Families,

Happy Monday! My heart was full as I woke up to the dusting of snow yesterday morning. In case you didn't know, I love snow and that is one of the many reasons that I love living in Michigan. Nothing more soothing to me than watching those big, fluffy flakes falling slowly from the sky. Warms my insides right up!

The Parent Forum had their January meeting last Friday. We missed you! That group truly moves mountains and would love to encourage you to attend their meetings. Many hands make light work and they would love to ease you in and be sure you have a home on campus. Think about it...the coffee is hot and the faces are welcoming.

Our winter testing window is about to end! This week we will continue to focus on the students who have missed a testing session or two. Thank you to Mrs. Stewart and the classroom teachers for working so diligently for this important task. These test scores are how teachers and I check in on each student's progress mid-year to be sure growth is happening; I love those conversations!

This week brings Homecoming Week for our 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. The themed days are fun and should provide for lots of great costumes! This Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> will be a Green and Gold Day for **all students** and staff. Let's reserve face paint and hair dye for the high school students, but otherwise, wear your best spirit wear and support our Homecoming Week! This is what memories are made of!

Please check the Cougar News for details of the basketball contests this week, both home and away. If you haven't been to a home basketball game, it is such a great place to be proud of our student athletes. The concession stand is open and I might be partial, but I think we have the best popcorn for miles around! Try some! I promise you won't be disappointed.

Second quarter Honor Roll Ceremony will be this Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at Opening Ceremony. It is one of my favorite reasons to gather! Please feel welcome to join us as we celebrate the academic achievements of so many of our students and hopefully inspire those of others.

As promised last week, the "Did you know..." fact about WCA this week is one that I am so proud of! Unbeknownst to some, Will Carleton Academy high school students are able to participate in AP courses, dual enrollment opportunities, as well as the Hillsdale County Early Middle College and/or the Hillsdale Area Career Center. All WCA juniors and seniors have the experience to learn about all of the benefits of these options during their sophomore year, and then together with family and faculty support, planning begins for these extra opportunities if the student determines that this is what they would benefit from while finishing their high school experience on campus. Students' junior and senior years are ones that are tailored to their specific interests and needs. WCA faculty support the students through their graduation requirements, as well as these extra opportunities. I hope this information gives you understanding of yet another wonderful fact about our little school. It truly is a great place to learn and grow!

Next week's mailer will include a February calendar for your planning. A few events happening in early February are the WCA High School Information Night on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm for all interested families, specifically 8<sup>th</sup> grade families, and an early dismissal on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> for all WCA students. The faculty and staff will spend the afternoon focusing on mid-year topics to keep our focus on teaching and learning. It will be a great afternoon!

Speaking of marking dates, please mark Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> on your calendar! Will Carleton Academy is planning a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on this day. If the beginning planning is any indication of the excitement of the party, it will be a great one! It is going to be an evening to remember with all things WCA! We will celebrate this week as well with the students. Please be on the look out for a special something; a birthday surprise for all!

Keep your eyes on the sky this week! More of that fluffy white stuff is expected! As you can imagine I am giddy with excitement! Have a great week.

Be well,

  
Colleen A. Vogt